

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

LIMERKENS *et al.*

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FOR: FOAMED THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent  
(including the amended claims 1-21 as attached to the IPER) in the manner set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert

--This application is the National Phase of International Application  
PCT/EP00/00039 filed January 5, 2000 which designated the U.S. and that  
International Application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--

*PA*  
Page 2, please delete the paragraph starting at line 1, and replace it with the  
following new paragraph:

--The present invention thus concerns a process for the preparation of foamed thermoplastic  
polyurethanes whereby the foaming of the thermoplastic polyurethane is carried out in the

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